

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 07040.0227-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Maurizio GALIMBERTI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1791
Application No.: 10/536,833) Examiner: Justin R. FISCHER
Filed: January 20, 2006) Confirmation No.: 6471
For: TYRE FOR TWO-WHEELED)
VEHICLES)
) **VIA EFS WEB**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held in *Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 329 F.3d 1358, 66 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801 (Fed. Cir. 2003), that an "adverse decision" by another examiner may meet the materiality standard under the amended Rule 56, and thus, Applicants should disclose prior rejections of "substantially similar claim[s]" to the Office. See also M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b). Accordingly, although Applicants are not representing that the Office Actions in the co-pending applications are material to the present application and are not admitting that any of the other claims are substantially similar, out of an abundance of caution, Applicants have listed the substantive Office Actions in co-pending applications on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. **EP 1 211 283 A1:** This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,818,693 B2 which is listed on the accompanying PTO Form SB/08.
2. **WO 02/10269 A2:** This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 7,199,175, which is listed on the accompanying PTO Form SB/08.

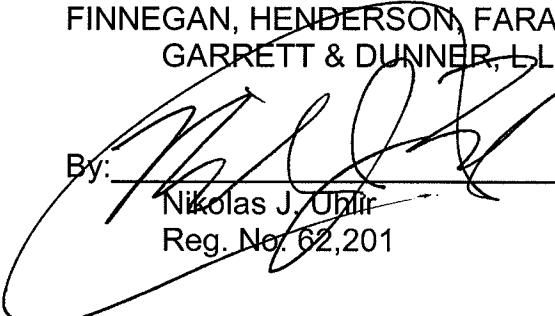
This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Office applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By: 

Nikolas J. Uhlir
Reg. No. 62,201

Dated: September 24, 2009